

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
May 16, 1996

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order at 8:03 P.M. on May 16, 1996.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilwoman Filippone.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Reverend Tavener.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 2, 1996 had been made available for review by the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Silkworth moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council, with the exceptions of Councilmen McGee and Wolfe, who abstained from voting since they were not present at this meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of APRIL, 1996 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Raffle license application made by the Monmouth Park Charity Fund, to be held Sept. 2, 1996, prize is a 1996 Pontiac Mini Van.

The Clerk reported that the paperwork was found to be in order and the required fees had been paid, after which Councilman Wolfe moved to approve this raffle application. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee advised that he attended the Senior Citizens Club luncheon on May 8, 1996 at the Old Orchard Country Club, celebrating their 25th anniversary and he thanked them for the invitation and commented that the luncheon was very successful and congratulated them on their 25th anniversary.

Councilman McGee reported that he attended the Waterways Meeting last Saturday and stated that the Litterbug is in the water already and they have set up the summer schedule and will be out picking up floatables from the River during that time. He also expressed his thanks to both Bill Stine and Keith Seeley for their efforts on this Committee.

Councilman McGee also reported under the Police Department that Patrolman Frank VanBrunt had recently completed an 18 hour course on Basic Police Bicycle Patrol Training given at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance vacating a portion of River Street and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING, VACATING, RELEASING AND EXTINGUISHING ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO A PORTION OF AN UNIMPROVED STREET APPEARING ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP AS RIVER STREET, IN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

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Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions anyone may have on this subject only.

As no one from the public wished to be heard, Councilman Miller moved to close the public portion of the meeting on this matter. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and approved by Council.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt this ordinance on second and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Miller then moved to table the ordinance amending the Fire Department ordinance with regard to special memberships. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

Councilman Miller then called for the introduction of a bond ordinance for various improvements in the Borough and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$200,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$190,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY.**

Councilman Miller moved to approve this bond ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Miller then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular Council Meeting scheduled to be held on June 6, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Miller offered his thanks to Councilman McGee for attending the Waterways Committee meeting while he was recuperating from surgery and he explained that the Waterways Committee picks up floatables from the River to make it safe for boaters while the Water Watch Committee does the sampling of our River and adjacent waterways.

Councilman Miller also thanked the Senior Citizens Club for inviting him to their luncheon celebrating their 25th Anniversary and commented that he had a very nice time.

Councilman Miller reported under Recreation that they are at present working on a Code of Ethics that will set up rules and regulations for all players, coaches and parents to be followed at all sporting events with regard to the manner in which they conduct themselves, as well as a list of penalties that will be assessed if these rules are not followed.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor reported under the Drug Alliance that on May 10 a Karaoke Night and Coffee House was held at the Port-au-Peck Chemical House Fire House for the 8th graders from Maple Place School and it was a great success with approximately 80 students in attendance and in the future this function will be included as an annual program.

Councilman Taylor advised that Student Government Day will be held on June 6, 1996 when the students from Maple Place School will conduct their own Council meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Councilman Taylor reminded everyone that the annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 27, 1996 and anyone wishing to march in the Parade should be at Blackberry Bay Park by 10 A.M. and the parade will begin at 10:30 A.M. with ceremonies at the Borough Hall at 11 A.M. and there will be two Grand Marshals in the parade - Marion Wardell and Pete Rubino and the Guest Speaker will be Col. James Mitchell from Fort Monmouth and there will be festivities at the Community Center beginning at 12 Noon.

Councilman Taylor wished Councilwoman Filippone a fast recovery and commented that she may participate in the Parade, but will be driven possibly by the Chief of Police.

Councilman Taylor stated that June 1, 1996 will be the Clean Up Day sponsored this year by the Waterways Committee and anyone interested in helping out should be at Blackberry Bay Park at 8:00 A.M. on that date.

Councilman Taylor moved to authorize the Borough Clerk to re-advertise for bids for a recycling truck. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe advised that through our Public Works Department, the Borough made arrangements with Fair Haven to borrow their chipper and a person to run the equipment and the employees were able to get rid of the storm debris from over the winter as well as some leftover Christmas trees and that mulch is now available to anyone in the Borough and it is located at Blackberry Bay Park to the left of the boat launching ramp and he thanked Fair Haven for their continuing cooperation.

Councilman Wolfe moved to award a bid to the low bidder for the annual Boroughwide street sweeping to EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY, Farmingdale, NJ in the amount of \$2,560. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe advised that the contractor should be in some time next week to begin the street sweeping and will remain in town for approximately six to eight days and asked all residents to remove their cars from Borough streets while this is being done, so that the work can be properly performed. He also stated that there will be a sign posted on the Community Events Sign in front of Borough Hall to remind residents of the street sweeping.

Councilman Wolfe moved to temporarily appoint Councilman Taylor to the Finance Committee in the absence of Councilwoman Filippone, for the purpose of reviewing and signing vouchers. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth reported that the plantings for the front of Borough Hall has been planned out and should begin some time next week, since the weather has not been very cooperative with the unusually cool temperatures. She also advised that some sod has been installed out front, which will cut down on the maintenance for the Public Works Department.

Councilwoman Silkworth also advised that she and Councilman McGee will be meeting in the near future with a volunteer Architect to begin the plans and specs for the replacement of the ceiling in Borough Hall.

Councilwoman Silkworth also reminded anyone who is submitting articles to the Bulletin, that they should keep in mind that dated material should be checked, since the cut off date for articles is the 7th of the month and it takes approximately three weeks after that before the Bulletin is in the mail.

Councilwoman Silkworth commented that she too attended the Senior Citizens luncheon and enjoyed herself very much and thanked them for their invitation.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh reminded everyone that May 18, 1996 was Armed Forces Day and Fort Monmouth is having a large celebration and everyone is invited to attend and participate.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might wish to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Anthony LaMorte, 369 Port-au-Peck Ave. stated he just read the latest Atlanticville which reports that Tecumseh Ave. will not be repaved until Spring of 1997, while at the last meeting the Mayor implied that this work would be done this year, in the late Fall. He was concerned because if

this is true, the residents on that street will have to go through another winter with pot holes and deteriorating road conditions and asked why this has been changed.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that the Council has been advised that the Transportation Grant Funds are not announced until some time in November and if we receive the grant, there is not enough time for plans and specifications to be drawn up and then to go out for bid, since you cannot pave from December through February or March. Mayor Cavanagh again reiterated that if for some reason the grant is not approved, then the Council will amend the bond ordinance, since we do not have this type of money available and the grant request is for over \$90,000, which includes curbs, gutters and repaving.

Mr. John Deller, 46 Tecumseh Ave. stated he did not care about the curbs and just wanted the street to be repaved and felt that curbing was not necessary as long as the street was cut out properly and then paved.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that everyone on the Council and the Borough Engineer feels strongly that with the curbing, the street will remain in better condition for a longer period of time and also commented that if the grant is denied, we may have to remove the curbing from the specifications since it is in excess of \$50,000.

Councilman Wolfe advised that after we have had some dry weather for awhile, he and the Public Works Foreman will go out and walk the entire length of Tecumseh Ave. and make notes of the really bad areas and following a good dry spell in the weather, the Public Works will go out and use hot patch and roll it over the bad spots to try and make it a little better for the residents over the winter.

As no one else from the public wished to be heard, Mayor Cavanagh closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated May 16, 1996. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS \$615,329.85. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$49,174.08. TOTAL 1996 OPERATING FUND \$664,503.93. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$9.46. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$3,600.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:29 P.M. Councilman McGee moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council.

At 9:29 P.M. Mayor Cavanagh reconvened the meeting and advised that everyone was present and there was no action being taken by the Council with regard to the personnel matter.

At 9:30 P.M. Councilman McGee moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for June 6, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK